

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2006
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113**

I. MAYOR

- ** 1. NEWS ADVISORY - Mayor Seng to Announce Water Conservation Plans at News Conference.
- ** 2. NEWS RELEASE - Mayor Calls for Voluntary Water Conservation.
- ** 3. NEWS RELEASE - Mayor Announces Winners of Annual Water Conservation Art Contest.
- ** 4. NEWS RELEASE - Pre-Construction Open House Planned on Stormwater Improvements.
- ** 5. Washington Report, May 12, 2006.
- * 6. NEWS ADVISORY - Mayor Seng's News Conference, May 23, 2006, on Annual 4th of July Celebration.
- * 7. NEWS RELEASE - "Uncle Sam Jam" to Feature Live Symphony Concert on July 4.
- * 8. Washington Report, May 19, 2006.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- ** 1. Monthly City Cash Report.
- * 2. May Sales Tax Including:
 - (a) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In)
 - (b) Sales Tax Refunds
 - (c) Net Sales Tax Collections
 - (d) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- ** 1. NEWS RELEASE - Adult Smoking Rate on the Decline.

LIBRARY

- * 1. Response from Carol Connor, Library Director, to Robin Eschliman re: Letter of May 18, 2006 to Mayor Seng.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- ** 1. Lincolnshire Square 4th Addition Final Plat #05108. Generally located at South 70th and "A" Streets.
- ** 2. Annexation by Ordinance, No. 18691. Effective: April 11, 2006. 42.52 Acres.
- ** 3. Earley's Addition Final Plat #05122. Generally located at North 52nd and Garland Streets.
- * 4. Action by Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

- ** 1. Special Permit No. 06031. (Wireless Facility - 540 North 46th Street). Resolution No. PC-00995.

- ** 2. Waiver No. 06002. (Sanitary Sewer Design Standards - 84th and Rokeby Road). Resolution No. PC-00997.
- ** 3. Special Permit No. 06030, charleston Heights Community Unit Plan. (Northwest of North 14th Street and Humphrey Avenue) Resolution No. PC-00996.
- * 4. Special Permit No. 06032. (Club Kicks - 4820 Rentworth Drive) Resolution No. PC-00998.

PUBLIC WORKS

- ** 1. King Little structural engineering inspection and investigation of walls located at 1840 "E" Street
- * 2. Letter to Don Wesely regarding request for construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of 27th and Wildcat.

PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING

- ** 1. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY. Pine Lake Road widening project #700014; 40th Street - 61st Street, 56th Street; Shadow Pines - Thompson Creek
- * 2. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY. May 25, 2006. Pine Lake Road Widening Project #700014, 40th Street - 61st Street, 56th Street; Shadow Pines - Thompson Creek with map of area.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

- ** 1. Email from Jodi Delozier regarding fire truck late fees. The City Council should move forward and collect the late fees.

JONATHAN COOK

- ** 1. Request to ~~Bruce Dart, Health Director~~ - RE: Request for a sign at 31st & Calvert about dogs having to be on a leash and cleaning up after them (RFI#129 - 05/04/06) - SEE RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM JAMES WEVERKA.
- ** 2. Request to Harry Kroos, Public Works & Utilities Department; Sidewalks. RE: Sidewalk Ramps around Milder Manor (RFI#130 - 5/04/06)

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

- ** 1. Community Meeting held May 12, 2006. Ideas for increasing City income.
- ** 2. Letter to Mayor Seng regarding specific budget cuts.

DAN MARVIN

- * 1. Correspondence on how Hercules, CA used eminent domain to keep out Wal-Mart.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- ** 1. Letter from Aquila, re: Extension of 8 years on the Aquila franchise with the City of Lincoln.

Correspondence Supporting Proposal to Ban Concealed Weapons

- ** 1. Email from Kathleen Nelson.

- ** 2. Email from Marcee Metzger, Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center.
- ** 3. Letter from Clarice Lawson. (Letter distributed to Council Members)

Other Correspondence

- ** 1. Email from Paul Haith, re: Fire truck issue. Encourage Council to request an independent audit by an outside agency.
- ** 2. Email from an anonymous constituent with ideas for consideration.
- ** 3. Email from Karen Hatcher, re: West "A" Project. Possibly a reconsideration or "tweaking" the eminent domain plan.
- ** 4. Email from Christopher B. Stokes, re: Lincoln transportation issues.
- ** 5. Email from Steve and Carol Anderson, re: Gas prices in Lincoln compared to Omaha.
- ** 6. Email from Carol Anderson, re: Gas prices listed for Lincoln versus Omaha.
- ** 7. Email from Kay Wunderlich, re: Gas prices different in West Omaha versus Lincoln.
- ** 8. Email from Jan Anderson, re: Twenty-two (22) cent price difference gasoline here in Lincoln and in West Omaha.
- ** 9. Email from David Oenbring, re: Sales tax decline - study effect of the smoking ban; thanks for Taste of China saved from eminent domain.
- **10. Email from Vicky Valenta re: Lincoln Journal Star article.

Letters Received in Appreciation of Postponement of Change of Zone #06012 at 9th and Van Dorn Streets with Suggestions for Rezoning

- ** 1. Paul Hetrick, 2611 South 10th Street.
- ** 2. Russell Hand, 2661 South 9th Street.
- ** 3. Ron Linville, 2601 South 10th Street.
- ** 4. Abraham Gamez, 2619 South 10th Street.
- ** 5. Juan Tapia, 2538 South 9th Street.
- ** 6. B. Powell, 2710 South 9th Street.
- ** 7. Angela Kimpton, 2667 South 10th Street.
- ** 8. Arnold Walker, 2650 South 9th Street.
- ** 9. Kevin Lewis, 1015 Hill Street.
- **10. Roger Carter, 1032 Hill Street.
- **11. Mr. and Mrs. N. Welter, 2640 South 10th Street.
- **12. Margaret Stroup, 2727 South 10th Street.
- **13. Troy and Connie Saltzman, 2673 South 10th Street.

V. MISCELLANEOUS (CONTINUED - RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/29/06)

- * 1. LIBA Position Statement on EMS Deficits. (Statement distributed to Council Members on 05/22/06)
- * 2. Letter from Billy and Wilma Williams re: Comments on City employee's salaries, suggestions, employees residing in Lincoln and Mayor Seng.
- * 3. Letter from Randall Klein re: Proposed development at 9th and Van Dorn Streets and Treatment of Citizen Speaking before Council.
- * 4. Email from David Oenbring re: Reject any effort to restrict or ban concealed weapons within the City.
- * 5. Email from Janine M. Saltzman re: Against development at 9th, 10th and Van Dorn Streets

- * 6. Letter from Nancy First, Second Amendment Sisters, re: Do not ban citizens from carrying concealed handguns.
- * 7. Email from Jay Snyder re: Current revenue shortfall for the City budget.
- * 8. Email from Ron and Sheila Scheinost re: Opposed to development at 10th and Van Dorn Streets.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER TO JUNE 5, 2006**

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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: May 22, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will announce plans for the City's annual 4th of July celebration at a news conference at **1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at Oak Lake Park.** To reach the news conference site, enter the park's main entrance near Sun Valley Boulevard and Charleston and proceed to the parking lot.

In case of inclement weather, the news conference will be held in City-Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street.



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Jerry Shorney, Park and Recreation, 441-8259

Barbara Zach, Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra, 476-2211

Chris Peters, Lincoln Jaycees, 525-8869

J. Pat Miller, Broadcast House, 479-1408

"UNCLE SAM JAM" TO FEATURE LIVE SYMPHONY CONCERT ON JULY 4

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today announced that the City's annual Fourth of July celebration will feature a 22-minute fireworks display choreographed to a free live concert by Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra. Mayor Seng was joined by representatives from the Symphony, the Lincoln Jaycees and B107.3/Broadcast House in announcing plans for the "Uncle Sam Jam" at Oak Lake Park on Tuesday, July 4. The Symphony also will present a free concert starting at 9:10 p.m. The concert and the fireworks music will be carried live exclusively on radio station B107.3.

"Presenting the fireworks to live music is a first for Lincoln, and I feel this will be the greatest Fourth of July celebration that our City has ever seen," said Mayor Seng. "We are thrilled to offer Lincoln residents an outstanding free concert by Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra. We also are very pleased to be working with the Lincoln Jaycees – our longtime partner in this event – and Broadcast House. We have planned a full day of events, so we anticipate a big crowd and lots of red, white and blue. It's a traditional family event with some spectacular new twists."

Pepsi-Cola is the fireworks sponsor for this year's celebration, and Zambelli Internationale will again present the fireworks display. The Symphony performances are being made possible by the generous support of the Joe and Ruth Seacrest Fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation and the James and Rhonda Seacrest Foundation. The concerts are part of the Symphony's 80th season.

"Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra is so excited to be a part of this celebration," said Barbara Zach, the Symphony's Executive Director. "Music director Edward Polochick has selected a fantastic program, and he will conduct a concert of everyone's favorite patriotic music, including 'Fanfare for the Common Man,' '1812 Overture' and 'Stars and Stripes Forever.' We look at this concert as a great way to reach new audiences and to embrace our community."

"B107.3 is thrilled to be the broadcast partner for the City's Uncle Sam Jam featuring Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra," said Mark Halverson, Broadcast House General Manager. "We are honored to be selected by the City to carry this one-of-a-kind event."

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StarTran will provide free public shuttle bus service from 5 to 11 p.m. between the main entrance at Oak Lake Park and two downtown locations: the Haymarket Parking Garage at 9th and "Q" streets and the Gold's bus stop at 11th and "O." The Haymarket Garage and the Iron Horse parking lot at 7th and "Q" streets are offering a special \$2 event fee for the celebration. Handi-Van service is available for eligible individuals, and reservations should be made no later than Friday, June 30 through Star Tran at 441-7109.

A variety of food and concessions will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. The Lincoln Jaycees will operate an information booth, and the Red Cross will have first aid available.

"The Lincoln Jaycees are excited to work once again with the City of Lincoln to put on a low-cost, fun-filled day of family friendly activities," said Chris Peters, Lincoln Jaycees President. "We look forward to 'co-hosting' about 30,000 of our fellow Lincoln citizens at Oak Lake Park and the surrounding area. It promises to be a night of brilliant music and fireworks!"

Other events include:

- Kids activities from 4 to 7 p.m.
- A 5K fun run/walk at 7:30 a.m. at Haymarket Park. Participants may register on site at 7 a.m.
- Bingo from 2 to 8 p.m.
- A "Kicker's Cup" youth soccer competition from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- A free concert featuring a variety of bands from 2 to 7:30 p.m.

Fireworks other than those used in the Zambelli show are prohibited in the park. Alcohol is also prohibited. All pets are required to wear a leash while in the park. Citizens are discouraged from bringing pets to the park during the fireworks display.

In case of inclement weather, the fireworks display will be rescheduled to 10 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 along with accompaniment by Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra and the corresponding radio coverage on B107.3. No other events would be rescheduled to the 5th.

More information on the day's events is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 4th). For event registration information, contact the Lincoln Jaycees at 434-8900. Information on Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra is available at www.lincolnsymphony.com or by calling 476-2211.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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TELECOM ACTIVITY IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Stevens agrees to address local government concerns; House Judiciary denied referral.

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held a hearing this week on comprehensive telecommunications legislation (S 2686) introduced by Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) and Committee Ranking Democrat Daniel Inouye (D-HI).

The hearing yielded good news for local governments, with Stevens assuring Dearborn Mayor Michael Guido that he will work to address local government concerns with the franchising process outlined in the bill. In addition, Stevens declared that he will delay consideration of the bill to give Committee staff time to draft a new bill and for the Committee to hold a hearing on it. Under the new schedule, the Committee will proceed with the hearing it already has scheduled for next Thursday. The new bill will be released the week of June 5. The Committee will then hold a hearing on the new bill on June 13 and mark it up on June 20.

Guido was testifying on behalf of local government organizations. In his testimony, Guido told the Committee that the bill's requirement that local governments approve franchises within 30 days and its call for the FCC to draft a model franchise would essentially rob local governments of their franchising authority. Guido also expressed concern over how the bill would send all disputes between local governments and the industry to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for resolution, saying that doing so would rob local governments of the ability to manage public rights-of-way and that the FCC is ill-equipped to handle such disputes. In addition, Guido criticized the bill's exclusion of advertising and home shopping income from its definition of "gross

revenue," arguing that it would reduce local government revenue from franchise fees by as much as 20 percent. Finally, Guido called on the Committee to include build out language in the bill, saying that its current anti-discrimination language would do little to prevent major disparities in service between high-income and low-income neighborhoods.

Guido's testimony was well received by several Senators. Joining Stevens in voicing the need to address local government concerns were Inouye, Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT), Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE) and Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). Earlier this year, Inouye and Burns jointly authored principles for telecommunications legislation that largely reflect the local government position.

Senators John Ensign (R-NV), Jim DeMint (R-SC), Gordon Smith (R-OR), and George Allen (R-VA) all expressed skepticism about the local government role in franchising and expressed support for a national franchise similar to that outlined in the House bill.

In the House, after two weeks of deliberating and many reports to the contrary, House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) decided not to refer telecommunications legislation (HR 5252) approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee to the House Judiciary Committee. In response, Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Judiciary Committee Ranking Democrat John Conyers (D-MI) introduced their own legislation addressing the issue of network neutrality. The measure is reportedly similar to legislation (HR 5273) introduced by Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee Ranking Democrat Edward Markey (D-MA) and will be marked up in that committee next week. It will ultimately be up to the House Rules Committee to decide whether the Judiciary

component could be added to the COPE bill on the House floor.

Although the House's official floor schedule for next week does not include HR 5252, Barton and the regional Bell operating companies are pushing hard for the bill to pass the House before Memorial Day. However, proponents of full network neutrality are pushing back and the issue has started to make the bill controversial.

BUDGET

House narrowly approves FY 2007 budget resolution. New House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-OH), determined not to be the first Majority Leader in over 30 years to fail to approve an annual budget resolution, was finally able to negotiate a deal this week that allowed for the narrow passage of the budget blueprint on the floor early Thursday morning.

The 218-210 vote was achieved after a group of moderate Republicans dropped their demand for an additional \$7 billion in spending in the Labor, HHS, and Education Departments spending bill. They instead settled for a deal in which the bill will receive \$3.1 billion more than requested by the President. GOP moderates also secured a promise from House leadership that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at HUD would be funded at least at its FY 2006 level. While the FY 2006 level for CDBG represented a cut of 10 percent from FY 2005 levels, it would be significantly more than the \$1 billion reduction requested by the White House.

Upon passage of the House budget resolution, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Budget Committees pledged to work vigorously to craft a compromise in conference, but significant differences remain between the two blueprints. In addition, there is not a great deal of incentive to finalize a budget resolution, since House appropriators have already moved forward with their FY 2007 spending bills, and neither version contains any "reconciliation" instructions, which in recent years has provided filibuster protection to over \$2 trillion in tax cuts proposed by the President.

However, without a budget resolution, Senate appropriators must operate under

the FY 2006 spending cap, which is \$23 billion below the level included in the FY 2007 budget resolution approved by Senators earlier this year.

APPROPRIATIONS

House clears first FY 2007 appropriations bill; work proceeds apace at the Committee level. The House continued to make progress towards the goal of Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis (R-CA) to pass all of 11 of the FY 2007 appropriations bills before July 4.

The House cleared the FY 2007 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill by a vote of 293-128, making it the first FY 2007 appropriations measure to pass the House. In addition, at press time, the House was debating the FY 2007 Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill (HR 5385).

In addition to this week's floor action, the Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2007 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill and the FY 2007 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill while the Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee approved its FY 2007 measure. The full House is scheduled to consider both the Homeland Security and Energy and Water Development measures next week. Also on tap for next week, the Treasury, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee will take up its FY 2007 bill while the full Appropriations Committee considers the Foreign Operations and Legislative Branch measures.

The Senate has yet to consider any of its FY 2007 spending bills and is not expected to do so until June.

FINANCE

Recently approved tax bill includes unfunded mandate on local governments. A \$70 billion package of tax breaks (HR 4297) signed into law this week by the President institutes new withholding requirements for the federal government, states, and local governments.

The provision will require governments that spend more than \$100 million

annually on goods and services to withhold a new tax equal to three percent of their payments to most vendors and contractors. It would take effect on January 1, 2011 and only applies to governments, not to the private sector. Payments to individuals under government programs such as food stamps or medical assistance would be exempt from the rules as well. The Senate Finance Committee estimates that the provision will raise almost \$7 billion in revenues to the federal government over a 10-year period.

Local government organizations are working with Senator Larry Craig (R-ID) on a repeal of the provision, and Craig introduced legislation (S 2821) this week to that effect. The Congressional Budget Office has determined that the provision is likely to impose an unfunded mandate on states and local governments that exceeds the threshold (\$64 million) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. In addition, the provision was not included in either the House or Senate versions of the tax bill, but included at the last minute in a House-Senate conference committee.

ENVIRONMENT

Congress rejects environmental waivers for the Defense Department. Both the House and Senate are in the process of considering legislation to authorize programs at the Department of Defense, and for the fifth straight year, it appears that Defense Department requests for exemptions from a number of federal environmental laws will be denied.

Neither the House nor the Senate bill contains any language sought by Defense that would provide them waivers from regulations under the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Superfund, and other environmental laws. Many local governments are experiencing negative environmental effects at military installations in their communities and have vigorously opposed the provisions.

The Defense Department denies that its requests are total exemptions, but environmental groups and local governments do not believe that the department has made a convincing case

that the provisions would have any effect on military readiness.

The House approved its version of the Defense Department authorization bill (HR 5122) on May 11, and the Senate is scheduled to take up its measure in June.

PUBLIC SAFETY

House panels clear four separate gun bills.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved HR 5013, "Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006," this week.

Introduced by Rep. Bobby Jindal (R-LA), the bill would prohibit the seizure of legal firearms during major disasters. Jindal introduced the bill in response to the New Orleans Police Department confiscating weapons during the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Law enforcement officials collected over 700 firearms, but agreed to return the weapons after the National Rifle Association (NRA) filed a lawsuit.

The House actions came the same week that the NRA announced the campaign initiative, "Strategy to Impact 2006 Elections and Beyond." This announcement came at the end of the NRA's annual convention in Milwaukee. The NRA revealed campaign plans for the midterm elections and plans to have all police chiefs and Mayors sign pledges never to forcibly disarm legal gun owners during a time of disaster. As well as targeting major cities, the NRA will encourage state legislatures and Congress to pass legislation protecting the right to bear arms during times of crisis. As part of their campaign, the NRA will focus on Louisiana residents and their experiences during Hurricane Katrina.

In addition, the Crime Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee cleared three related gun bills. The first (HR 5005), introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), would prohibit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and explosives (ATF) from sharing data used to trace firearms with local law enforcement agencies. The second (HR 1384), introduced by Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA), would allow the interstate sale of handguns and would allow dealers to sell firearms at out-of-state gun shows. The third (HR 1415), introduced by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-

NY) and supported by both the NRA and gun control advocates, would authorize \$125 million a year from FY 2006 to FY 2008 for grants to improve state criminal and mental health records and to improve the transmittal of federal criminal and mental health refunds to the states.

HUMAN SERVICES

Senate committee reports Ryan White bill. This week, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee approved S 2823, "Ryan White HIV/ AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006.

S 2823 would reauthorize programs under the Ryan White CARE Act. It would prioritize early diagnosis treatment, target resources based on priority and equity, and ensure accountability of all CARE funds. According to the CARE Act, Title I provides localities with emergency assistance for areas that are disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

In addition, Title II provides states with funding to improve the quality and availability of health care and support services to individuals and families diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. In the past, Title I and Title II included hold harmless provisions. These hold harmless provisions have raised concerns that areas with increasing amounts of epidemic cases are not receiving necessary funds. The grant formulas count the cases based on data spanning 10 years and newer epidemic areas receive disproportionately less assistance.

Currently, the formula grants are based on estimated living cases, but many of the funds being allocated are based on numbers that included deceased cases. Also, there are many cases that are counted twice because of an overlap between major metropolitan areas and states. The HIV/AIDS cases are counted once in major cities and again in the overall state count.

S 2823 would change the formula so that it only includes reported as opposed to estimated AIDS cases. It would make

all metropolitan areas with more than 50,000 people and with at least 500 AIDS cases eligible for Title I funding. For cities with more than 2,000 living AIDS cases, the bill includes a hold harmless provision that would ensure they receive at least 90 percent of their FY 2006 allocation in FY 2007, 85 percent of their FY 2006 allocation in FY 2008, and 80 percent of their FY 2006 allocation in FY 2009.

SENIOR SERVICES

House committee clears Older Americans Act reauthorization.

The House Education and Workforce Committee approved legislation (HR 5293) to reauthorize the programs under the 1965 Older Americans Act. The measure had been approved on the subcommittee level last week.

The legislation would reauthorize through FY 2011 all of the programs at the Administration on Aging at the Department of Health and Human Services that provide assistance to seniors in areas such as nutrition, transportation, social services, and home health care. The legislation also would reauthorize job training programs for the elderly at the Department of Labor. Sponsors of the bill hope that the legislation will:

- Promote programs to assist elderly avoid institutional care;
- Strengthen health and nutrition initiatives;
- Improve educational and volunteer services for the elderly;
- Increase federal, state, and local coordination, and
- Safeguard employment-based training for older Americans.

In an unusual occurrence as of late, the measure has significant bipartisan support and is expected to be approved easily on the House floor.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

House committees address measures to reorganize FEMA. The House Homeland Security Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the House Government Reform Committee considered two bills this week that would authorize programs at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The main focus of the debate in all three panels was jurisdiction of the agency. The Homeland Security Committee would keep FEMA at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), but would allow the FEMA Director to report directly to the President during a disaster. The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Government Reform Committee would remove FEMA from Homeland Security and return it to an independent, cabinet-level agency, as it was prior to the creation of DHS in 2002.

Both bills would overturn a recent Homeland Security Department restructuring directive that separated disaster response and preparedness within the department and returns both responsibilities to FEMA.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has primary jurisdiction over FEMA, but the Homeland Security Committee also believes that it should have a say in the debate given its jurisdiction over DHS as a whole. House leadership has not indicated which version it prefers, but only one of the two is likely to come to the House floor for a vote, which will not occur until after the Memorial Day recess.

TRANSPORTATION

Senators introduce transportation security measure. Legislation that would authorize \$5.43 billion in funding for maritime, rail, and public transportation security was introduced last week by Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) and Ranking Democrat Daniel Inouye (D-HI) with 41 bipartisan cosponsors.

The "Maritime, Rail, and Public Transportation Security Act of 2006" (S 2791) blends two bills (S 1052, S 2032) that were approved in the Senate on the committee level last year. In addition to

authorized funding, the legislation would re-establish the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as the lead agency in the transportation security arena. The TSA was created in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, but subsequent budget constraints and reorganizations have watered-down its authority and effectiveness.

Under the proposal, transit security would receive \$3.5 billion, rail security would get \$1.2 billion, and port and cargo security would be funded at \$728.6 million, all over the next three years. Funding would also be used to support security infrastructure, workforce training, and technology research grants.

The bill would also provide grants to Amtrak, freight railroads, and others to upgrade security across the entire railroad system and would authorize a pilot program for passenger, baggage, and cargo screening.

Regarding port security, the bill would enhance cargo security by requiring the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to develop a process to evaluate, screen and inspect cargo headed for the U.S. prior to loading overseas.

To gain more support and allow for a quicker trip to the Senate floor, bill sponsors excluded roughly \$18 billion in provisions related to aviation and motor carrier security, as well as the security of shipping hazardous materials that were part of S 1052. The Senate bill now more closely resembles a House bill that was introduced on May 17 by House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Children and Families is accepting applications for the *Mentoring Children of Prisoners* program. The program is designed to create one-on-one mentoring relationships between children of incarcerated parents and responsible adult mentors. This opportunity is available to children between the ages of four and 18 years. There is \$9.7 million available to be awarded among 55 eligible applicants and there is a 25 percent match is required. The deadline for the application is June 12, 2006. For more information, see:

www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-CV-0029.html.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006**

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$3,758,935	\$3,844,150	\$4,239,938	\$4,453,875	5.05%	\$4,648,160	4.36%	\$4,630,210	-0.39%
OCTOBER	\$4,273,028	\$4,116,763	\$4,464,191	\$4,670,587	4.62%	\$4,706,690	0.77%	\$4,823,369	2.48%
NOVEMBER	\$4,060,765	\$4,125,824	\$4,407,744	\$4,526,166	2.69%	\$4,687,792	3.57%	\$4,799,275	2.38%
DECEMBER	\$3,824,569	\$3,855,906	\$4,034,958	\$4,314,111	6.92%	\$4,500,338	4.32%	\$4,511,403	0.25%
JANUARY	\$3,968,572	\$4,140,990	\$4,046,633	\$4,335,924	7.15%	\$4,264,010	-1.66%	\$4,342,902	1.85%
FEBRUARY	\$4,895,886	\$4,982,568	\$5,224,986	\$5,531,405	5.86%	\$6,086,841	10.04%	\$5,797,893	-4.75%
MARCH	\$3,731,090	\$3,908,567	\$4,076,943	\$3,980,041	-2.38%	\$4,158,874	4.49%	\$4,247,908	2.14%
APRIL	\$3,126,694	\$3,641,403	\$3,711,803	\$3,889,388	4.78%	\$4,097,988	5.36%	\$3,991,159	-2.61%
MAY	\$4,061,857	\$3,949,873	\$4,184,028	\$4,602,788	10.01%	\$4,730,317	2.77%	\$4,543,369	-3.95%
JUNE	\$3,741,325	\$3,856,119	\$4,169,550	\$4,599,245	10.31%	\$4,557,735	-0.90%		
JULY	\$3,804,895	\$4,033,350	\$4,105,554	\$4,391,257	6.96%	\$4,519,466	2.92%		
AUGUST	\$4,093,476	\$4,231,174	\$4,402,156	\$4,893,438	11.16%	\$4,803,665	-1.83%		
TOTAL	\$47,341,091	\$48,686,688	\$51,068,484	\$54,188,225	6.11%	\$55,761,877	2.90%	\$41,687,489	-0.46%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006**

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$472,215)	(\$646,545)	(\$48,531)	(\$69,997)	44.23%	(\$135,858)	94.09%	(\$80,882)	-40.47%
OCTOBER	(\$127,363)	(\$379,290)	(\$64,605)	(\$110,193)	70.56%	(\$165,219)	49.94%	(\$358,866)	117.21%
NOVEMBER	(\$448,872)	(\$132,336)	(\$134,088)	(\$219,454)	63.66%	(\$101,531)	-53.73%	(\$173,972)	71.35%
DECEMBER	(\$193,085)	(\$240,014)	(\$177,459)	(\$390,445)	120.02%	(\$325,510)	-16.63%	(\$6,319)	-98.06%
JANUARY	(\$352,999)	(\$74,082)	(\$306,467)	(\$59,315)	-80.65%	(\$220,967)	272.53%	(\$269,713)	22.06%
FEBRUARY	(\$115,206)	(\$509,277)	(\$61,404)	(\$323,218)	426.38%	(\$394,324)	22.00%	(\$73,395)	-81.39%
MARCH	(\$303,779)	(\$428,507)	(\$17,601)	(\$22,759)	29.30%	(\$99,240)	336.05%	(\$165,869)	67.14%
APRIL	(\$478,438)	(\$333,878)	(\$281,861)	(\$199,018)	-29.39%	(\$69,900)	-64.88%	(\$196,682)	181.38%
MAY	(\$79,461)	(\$176,292)	(\$275,081)	(\$155,787)	-43.37%	(\$122,283)	-21.51%	(\$166,567)	36.21%
JUNE	(\$47,618)	(\$127,168)	(\$138,914)	(\$194,593)	40.08%	(\$34,811)	-82.11%	(\$14,085)	-59.54%
JULY	(\$235,932)	(\$181,863)	(\$563,339)	(\$42,086)	-92.53%	(\$162,998)	287.30%		
AUGUST	\$0	(\$63,949)	(\$341,868)	(\$531,884)	55.58%	(\$148,028)	-72.17%		
TOTAL	(\$2,854,968)	(\$3,293,201)	(\$2,411,218)	(\$2,318,751)	-3.83%	(\$1,980,668)	-14.58%	(\$1,506,350)	-9.78%

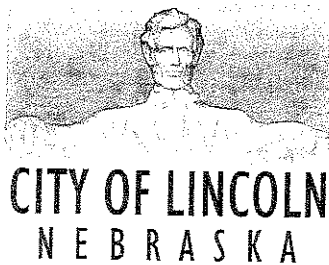
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**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2000-2001 THROUGH 2005-2006**

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACTUAL 2002-2003	ACTUAL 2003-2004	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2004-2005	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2005-2006	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$3,286,720	\$3,197,606	\$4,191,407	\$4,383,878	4.59%	\$4,512,303	2.93%	\$4,549,328	0.82%
OCTOBER	\$4,145,665	\$3,737,474	\$4,399,587	\$4,560,394	3.66%	\$4,541,471	-0.41%	\$4,464,503	-1.69%
NOVEMBER	\$3,611,894	\$3,993,488	\$4,273,655	\$4,306,712	0.77%	\$4,586,261	6.49%	\$4,625,303	0.85%
DECEMBER	\$3,631,485	\$3,615,893	\$3,857,499	\$3,923,666	1.72%	\$4,174,828	6.40%	\$4,505,085	7.91%
JANUARY	\$3,615,574	\$4,066,908	\$3,740,166	\$4,276,609	14.34%	\$4,043,044	-5.46%	\$4,073,189	0.75%
FEBRUARY	\$4,780,680	\$4,473,291	\$5,163,582	\$5,208,187	0.86%	\$5,692,517	9.30%	\$5,724,498	0.56%
MARCH	\$3,427,311	\$3,480,060	\$4,059,342	\$3,957,283	-2.51%	\$4,059,634	2.59%	\$4,082,038	0.55%
APRIL	\$2,648,256	\$3,307,525	\$3,429,942	\$3,690,371	7.59%	\$4,028,088	9.15%	\$3,794,477	-5.80%
MAY	\$3,982,395	\$3,773,581	\$3,908,947	\$4,447,001	13.76%	\$4,608,034	3.62%	\$4,376,803	-5.02%
JUNE	\$3,693,707	\$3,728,951	\$4,030,637	\$4,404,651	9.28%	\$4,522,924	2.69%		
JULY	\$3,568,964	\$3,851,488	\$3,542,215	\$4,349,171	22.78%	\$4,356,468	0.17%		
AUGUST	\$4,093,476	\$4,167,224	\$4,060,288	\$4,361,554	7.42%	\$4,655,637	6.74%		
TOTAL	\$44,486,126	\$45,393,489	\$48,657,267	\$51,869,477	6.60%	\$53,781,209	3.69%	\$40,195,225	-0.13%
									Year to date vs. previous year

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2005-06 PROJECTED	2005-06 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 04-05	% CHANGE FR. 04-05
SEPTEMBER	\$4,521,210	\$4,549,328	\$28,118	\$37,025	0.82%
OCTOBER	\$4,738,362	\$4,464,503	(\$273,859)	(\$76,968)	-1.69%
NOVEMBER	\$4,743,930	\$4,625,303	(\$118,627)	\$39,042	0.85%
DECEMBER	\$4,420,986	\$4,505,085	\$84,099	\$330,257	7.91%
JANUARY	\$4,632,570	\$4,073,189	(\$559,381)	\$30,145	0.75%
FEBRUARY	\$5,740,599	\$5,724,498	(\$16,101)	\$31,981	0.56%
MARCH	\$4,191,410	\$4,082,038	(\$109,372)	\$22,404	0.55%
APRIL	\$3,957,554	\$3,794,477	(\$163,077)	(\$233,611)	-5.80%
MAY	\$4,620,145	\$4,376,803	(\$243,342)	(\$231,231)	-5.02%
JUNE	\$4,464,241				
JULY	\$4,536,625				
AUGUST	\$4,837,297				
TOTAL	\$55,404,929	\$40,195,225	(\$1,371,541)	-\$50,956	-0.13%



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May 18, 2006

Robin Eschliman
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Dear Councilperson Eschliman:

Regarding your letter of May 18, 2006 to Mayor Seng regarding cuts you would support, I apologize if anything I said at our February 23, 2006 meeting resulted in a misunderstanding.

When you and I were discussing your community survey and the suggestion that there be several joint school-public libraries in the community, I was trying to convey that in my opinion there is not sufficient funding to add libraries. I was not recommending closing existing public libraries but trying to illustrate the constraints of implementing the suggestion of additional libraries. If additional libraries, such as school-public libraries were to be developed, I believe it would be at the cost of current libraries.

Also, it was my intent in reviewing the history of past library budget priorities and the changes over time to the Comprehensive Plan to show the support for maintaining the current branch system.

With over 180,000 registered library customers checking out more than 3,000,000 items per year and with 1.7 million annual visits, Lincoln City Libraries system is well used by the community.

Again, I apologize if my communication was not clear. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this matter. Thank you for your support of public libraries.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Connor
Library Director

cc: Mayor Seng
Library Board

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***** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION *****

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, in Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. for a work session on the "Long Range Transportation Plan: Narrowing of Street Improvement Alternatives."

**** PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

[All Members present until late in the meeting]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 10, 2006. ****APPROVED, 9-0****

1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public Hearing and Action):

CHANGE OF ZONE:

- 1.1 Change of Zone No. 06028, to change the building line district from 50' to 40', on property generally located at N. 33rd Street and "O" Street.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Greg Czaplewski, 441-7620, gczaplewski@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006, 1:30 p.m.

PERMITS:

- Page 15 1.2 Special Permit No. 06032, to operate a private school for up to 30 students, on property located at 4820 Rentworth Drive. ***** FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 11, 2006, 9-0.
Resolution No. PC-00998.

MISCELLANEOUS WITH RELATED ITEMS:

- Page 31 1.3a Annexation No. 06009, to annex approximately 3.6 acres, generally located at N. 1st Street and Fletcher Avenue.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006, 1:30 p.m.

- Page 31 1.3b Change of Zone No. 05002A, an amendment to The Links at Lincoln Planned Unit Development, to add property and to waive sidewalks and street trees on the north and east side of Fletcher Avenue, on property generally located at N. 1st Street and Fletcher Avenue.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 11, 2006, 9-0.
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006, 1:30 p.m.

- Page 53 1.3c Street & Alley Vacation No. 06002, to vacate the Fletcher Avenue right-of-way from N. 1st Street to approximately the west line of Lot 26, Cumberland Heights.
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 9-0.
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006, 1:30 p.m.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.**

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.**
(Public Hearing and Action):

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

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- 4.1 Change of Zone No. 06032, a text amendment to Section 27.69.300 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, relating to Special Sign Districts to allow occupants in areas designated blighted and substandard, which are being redeveloped pursuant to an approved Redevelopment Plan, to petition for the creation of a special sign district; and repealing Section 27.69.300 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006, 1:30 p.m.
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- 4.2 Change of Zone No. 06031, for the creation of a special sign district, on property generally located at S. 48th Street and "O" Street.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, with one amendment restricting pole signs, 8-1 (Carlson dissenting).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006, 1:30 p.m.
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- 4.3a County Change of Zone No. 06003, from AG Agricultural District to AGR Agricultural Residential District, on property generally located at S. 58th Street and Roca Road.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public hearing before the Lancaster County Board will be scheduled when the associated County Preliminary Plat No. 06001 and Waiver No. 06004 are scheduled.

Page 79 4.3b County Preliminary Plat No. 06001, The Preserve at Cross Creek 2nd Addition, for 10 lots, with requests to waive street lighting, street trees, sidewalks, landscape screening, and block length, on property generally located at S. 58th Street and Roca Road.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 31, 2006, 9-0.
Public hearing before the County Board will be scheduled when the Site Specific conditions of approval have been satisfied.

Page 99 4.3c County Waiver No. 06004, to waive the width to depth ratio for the Preserve at Cross Creek 2nd Addition, on property generally located at S. 64th Street and Roca Road.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public hearing before the Lancaster County Board will be scheduled when the associated County Change of Zone No. 06003 and County Preliminary Plat No. 06001 are scheduled.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Page 109 4.4 Annexation No. 06008, to annex approximately 3 acres, located at 8000 S. 80th Street.
Staff recommendation: Deferral
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: DENIAL, 9-0.
Public hearing before the City Council has not yet been scheduled.

Page 117 4.5 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 06003, to amend the "Projects and Studies: Lincoln Area Street and Roadway Improvement 2025" map on Page F 105 in the Mobility and Transportation element of the 2025 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, by changing the roadway designation of the east/west portion of the Phase I Antelope Valley Roadway Project from 4 lanes to 6 lanes from the 9th/10th Street Connection east to Cornhusker Highway.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: David Cary, 441-6364, dcary@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 5-0 (Taylor, Strand, Larson and Krieser absent).
Public hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006, 1:30 p.m.

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- 4.6 The Planning Commission Review Edition of the City of Lincoln's draft six year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for FY 2006/2007 - 2011/2012.
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6372, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Public Hearing closed.
Administrative Action deferred to Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 1:00 p.m.
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- 4.7 The draft FY2007-2009 and 2010-2012 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the Lincoln and Lancaster County area (Lincoln MPO).
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Mike Brienzo, 441-6369, mbrienzo@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Public Hearing closed.
Administrative Action deferred to Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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PENDING LIST:

1. *Change of Zone No. 3321, requested by Michael T. Johnson, on behalf of West Gate, inc., from R-7 Residential District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District, on property generally located at 1729 "M" Street.
(6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)*
2. *Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 03009, by the Director of Planning, at the request of Jim Hrouda, Mayor for the City of Hickman, to amend the 2025 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to adopt the Hickman Horizon Plan as an approved subarea plan and amend the Land Use Plan to reflect commercial and low density residential uses in the vicinity of Hickman.
(5-21-03: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to defer until completion of the rural acreage studies called for in the Comprehensive Plan.)*

3. *Street and Alley Vacation No. 04013, to vacate all of the east-west alley in Block 65, Original Lincoln, bounded by 13th, 14th, "M" and "N" Streets, generally located at S. 13th Street & "M" Street.*
(3-16-05: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending until completion of the Downtown Master Plan at the request of the applicant.)

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<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm>**

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning 

DATE : May 25, 2006

RE : **Special Permit No. 06032**
(Club Kicks - 4820 Rentworth Drive)
Resolution No. PC-00998

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2006:

Motion made by Strand, seconded by Carroll, to approve **Special Permit No. 06032**, with conditions, requested by Club Kicks, Inc., for authority to operate a private school for dance and cheer studio in the I-1 Industrial District, on property located at 4820 Rentworth Drive.

Motion for conditional approval carried 9-0 (Esseks, Cornelius, Carroll, Taylor, Sunderman, Strand, Larson, Krieser and Carlson voting 'yes').

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Kari Neth, 4820 Rentworth Drive., 68516
Ron Smith, 13200 S. 68th Street, Roca, NE 68430

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RESOLUTION NO. PC- 00998

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06032

1 WHEREAS, Club Kicks, Inc. has submitted an application designated as
2 Special Permit No. 06032 for authority to operate a private school for dance and cheer
3 studio in the I-1 Industrial District on property generally located at 4820 Rentworth Drive
4 and legally described as:

5 Lot 3, Block 1, Rentworth Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster
6 County, Nebraska;

7 WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has
8 held a public hearing on said application; and

9 WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood,
10 and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this private
11 school for dance and cheer will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

12 WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions
13 hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln
14 and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the
15 public health, safety, and general welfare.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
17 County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

1 That the application of Club Kicks, Inc., hereinafter referred to as
2 "Permittee", to operate a private school for dance and cheer studio in the I-1 Industrial
3 District, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.075 of
4 the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that operation of said school be in strict
5 compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express
6 terms, conditions, and requirements:

7 1. This approval permits a private school for up to 30 students and five staff
8 with a revised class schedule showing a 30-minute break between classes, or a
9 reduced number of students and staff where the associated parking requirement for the
10 entire site does not exceed 25 spaces.

11 2. Before receiving building permits the Permittee shall submit the following
12 documents to the Planning Department for review and approval:

13 a. A revised sit plan with class schedules and five copies showing a
14 revised class schedule with a 30-minute break between classes, or a reduced number
15 of students and staff where the associated parking requirement for the entire site does
16 not exceed 25 spaces.

17 b. A revised emergency response plan that indicates: 1 - that an
18 electrical circuit breaker switch for the heating/ventilation/air conditioning system is
19 installed and clearly marked and readily accessible at all times, and that the staff is
20 trained on how to locate and operate the circuit breaker switch; 2 - that within 48 hours
21 of becoming aware that quantities of hazardous materials requiring a permit under
22 Section 19.03.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code are being stored, transported,
23 dispensed, used, or handled on property within 300 feet of the building area being used

1 for the private school, the Permittee shall notify the LLCHD of such condition. Following
2 such notification, the Permittee shall, in cooperation and consultation with the LLCHD,
3 attempt to work with the owner of property upon which such hazardous materials are
4 being stored, transported, dispensed, used or handled to arrive at a means to assure
5 the health, safety, and welfare of persons using the private school. The Permittee shall
6 further cooperate with the LLCHD in determining measures which may be taken on the
7 Permittee's property to protect the health safety, and welfare of persons using the
8 Permittee's property, including, but not limited to, establishment of training programs for
9 employees to assure detection of hazardous materials and evacuation of the premises,
10 installation of filtration systems in the HVAC system of the building, or other
11 precautionary measures. The LLCHD will provide technical assistance in this matter.

12 3. Before occupying the building all development and construction is to
13 comply with the approved plans.

14 4. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all
15 interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and
16 circulation elements, and similar matters.

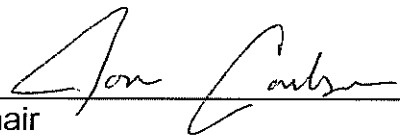
17 5. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the
18 Permittee, its successors and assigns.

19 6. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City
20 Clerk within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however,
21 said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment.
22 The City Clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the

1 letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in
2 advance by the Permittee.

3 The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
4 Planning Commission on this 24 day of May, 2006.

ATTEST:


Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:


Chief Assistant City Attorney

May 17, 2006

Don Wesely
5300 Leighton
Lincoln, NE 68504

Dear Don:

We have reviewed your request for constructing a traffic signal at the intersection of 27th and Wildcat.

As you are aware, a development agreement was signed by the developers of the properties in the area that agreed at such time as conditions were met, eastbound and westbound left turns and through movements would be restricted at the 27th and Wildcat intersection. The agreement also contained language that the intersection of 27th and Whitehead would be signalized when traffic signal warrants were met. This development agreement was approved by the Lincoln City Council.

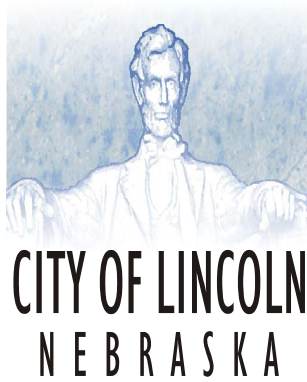
We looked at the potential to also signalize 27th and Wildcat. There are geometric issues that would make signalizing that intersection problematic, chiefly the lack of storage space for vehicles on the east leg of the intersection. Another concern of staff is that it would be unlikely that traffic signal warrants would be met at both intersections at any point in the future. Delay along the corridor would increase with the addition of another traffic signal, and traffic crashes would be expected to increase as well.

Based upon the need to safely and efficiently move traffic through this section of 27th Street, and in keeping with the initial agreement between the developers and the City, we will proceed with the terms of the agreement and not signalize the Wildcat intersection, while limiting the east/west left turns and through movements. We will continue to monitor this area to determine if further traffic changes are necessary.

Sincerely,

Karl Fredrickson, P.E.
Public Works and Utilities Director

cc: Coleen Seng, Mayor
City Council
Roger Figard
Randy Hoskins



PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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May 25, 2006

PINE LAKE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT #700014 **40th Street - 61st Street** **56th Street; Shadow Pines - Thompson Creek**

This advisory is to inform you of the upcoming closing of 56th Street from Shadow Pines to Thompson Creek and the opening of Pine Lake Road from 57th Street to 61st Street.

Phase 4 Pine Lake Road east of South 57th Street will be opened to 70th Street with access at 59th Street, 61st Street, and Campbell's Nursery. Lane closures will be used to complete the sidewalks, install street lighting, and seeding later this fall. The intersection at 56th Street for east/west travel won't be opened until early winter.

Phase 5 **South 56th Street is scheduled to close the week of June 5, 2006. This includes the intersection of the Pine Lake Road. The anticipated completion of this phase is early winter of 2006.**

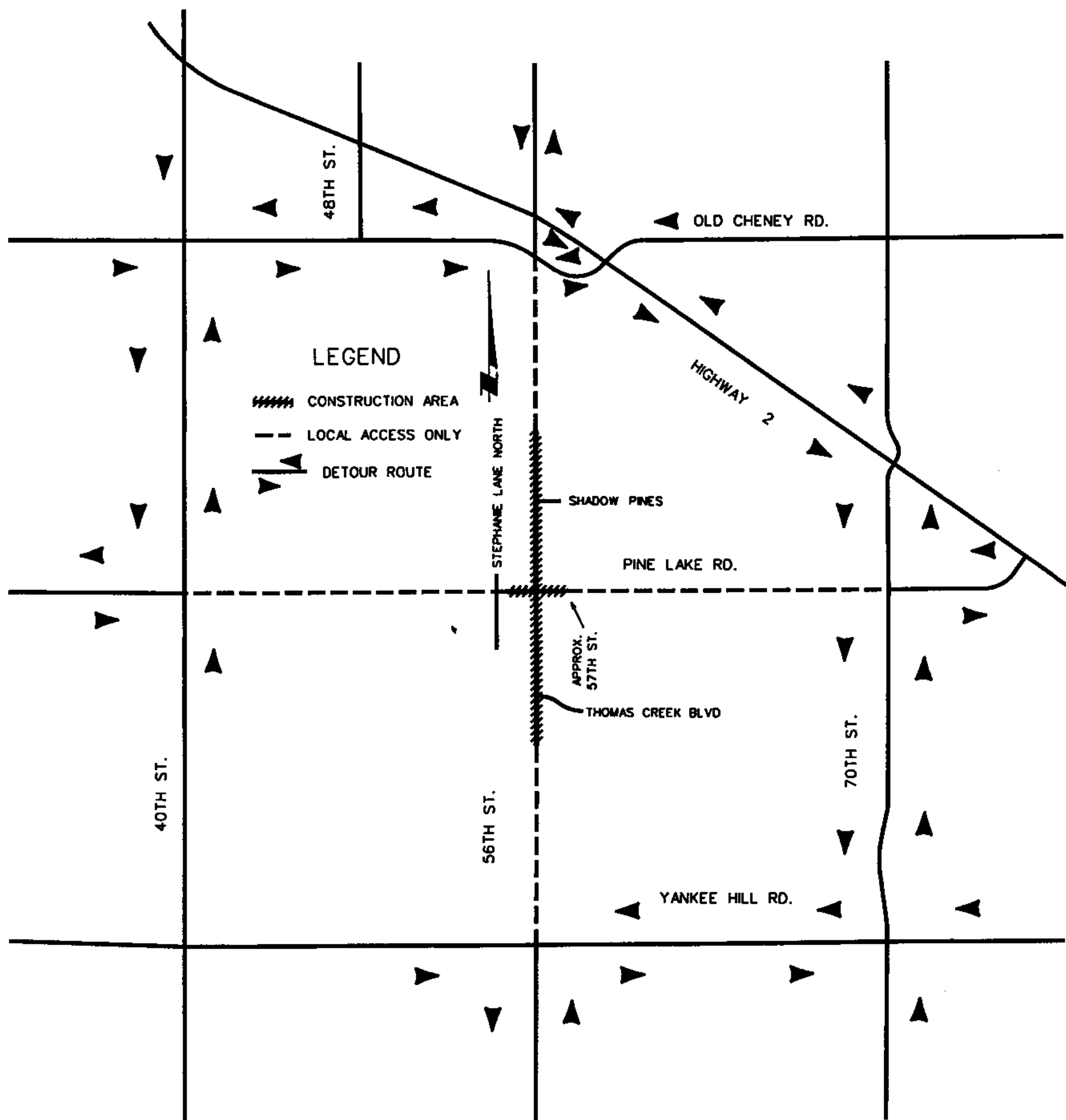
Access for Urology PC Clinic will use Pine Lake Road from 40th Street. Visitors to the clinic will make a u-turn at the east end of the median (on the asphalt) before the intersection of 56th Street and enter off Stephanie Lane. This access will be used until late fall when local access can be restored onto 56th Street from the north.

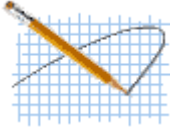
Shadow Pines home owners to the east of 56th Street will have access to a one-lane access road. Caution should be used when using this access as the single lane access will change weekly as construction proceeds. There is also work to be done for the relocation of the 6" water main to the subdivision at Shadow Pines. At this time, we don't have a date when this will happen, but water will be shut off for a short period during one day to connect the system. Lincoln Water System will be notifying property owners when this is scheduled to happen.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience with this project. Please call if you have any questions.

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Subject Re: JCookRFI#129 📎

Bruce,

I will check into it and if possible have the sign installed. Our signs can only be installed on the same post as Neighborhood watch signs. Jim

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Animal Control Chief
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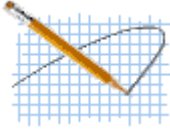
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Hercules uses eminent domain to keep out Wal-Mart

- By JUSTIN M. NORTON, Associated Press Writer

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

(05-23) 23:28 PDT HERCULES, Calif. (AP) --

A San Francisco suburb voted Tuesday night to use the power of eminent domain to keep Wal-Mart Stores Inc. off a piece of city land after hearing from dozens of residents who accused the big-box retailer of engaging in scare tactics to force its way into the bedroom community.

The overflow crowd that packed into the tiny Hercules City Hall cheered after the five-person City Council voted unanimously to use the unusual tactic to seize the 17 acres where Wal-Mart intended to build a shopping complex.

"The citizens have spoken. No to Wal-Mart," said Kofi Mensah, who has lived in Hercules for more than two decades and said he values the city's authentic feel.

Attorneys from Wal-Mart told the council that the retailer had spent close to \$1 million to redesign the property to the community's liking. They said the council couldn't claim it was legally necessary to take the land and that the decision set a bad precedent.

"Today it may be Wal-Mart but the question is where does it end," Wal-Mart attorney Edward G. Burg said.

City officials countered that buying the land was acceptable to ensure it was developed to the community's liking and fit in with overall plans for the city.

Opponents worried that Wal-Mart would drive local retailers out of business, tie up traffic and wreck the small-town flavor of this city of 24,000.

Wal-Mart spokesman Kevin Loscutoff said after the hearing that the company had not decided how to proceed with its plans in light of the decision.

Wal-Mart's initial proposal for a 142,000-square foot store near Hercules' San Pablo Bay waterfront was rejected by the City Council. So the company submitted a scaled-down plan that included a pedestrian plaza, two outdoor eating areas and other small shops, including a pharmacy.

Hercules said no again, and opponents began raising the possibility of eminent domain, a legal tactic where government agencies can take land from its owners for the public good.

Cities sometimes use eminent domain to build roads or redevelop properties, but the owners must be paid fair market value for their land.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that such seizures are allowable if the construction raises the tax base and benefits the entire community.

Some residents and Hercules city officials say the land, which is currently open space, would be better suited for upscale stores that attract affluent shoppers and give the suburb a classy touch.

Officials say using eminent domain is a new tactic in a fight that's occurred elsewhere. Communities across the country have kept Wal-Mart out by imposing size caps for businesses and laws that set high minimum pay rates.

Jeri Wilgus, 47, said she was proud of the council for standing up to Wal-Mart and said the town could show others how to fight back against big corporations.

"We are setting an example for the rest of the country," she said.

A handful of residents said Wal-Mart could provide a much-needed place to purchase inexpensive goods, particularly for residents who can't drive out of town.

"I know I can go there and get a fair price for a good product," said Glenna Phillips, who has lived in Hercules for 26 years.

Position Statement

May 20, 2006

Contact: Coby Mach
Executive Director
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RE: EMS Deficits



The Lincoln Independent Business Association ("LIBA") would like to thank the bipartisan EMS Committee put together by Councilman Jon Camp for their hard work in examining the current budget and management problems involved in operating the ambulance service through the Lincoln Fire Department. Because of the report, we are reassured that there is no compromise in care and we hope there never will be.

Among the 23 recommendations, there are three that have the largest impact on EMS' solvency: (1) \$450,000 in revenue from fee increases; (2) \$400,000 if the employees are reclassified as Paramedics; and \$100,000 if billing service is changed.

After reviewing the report and speaking with members of the Committee, we would make the following observations and recommendations to the City Council.

First, the report clearly states that "personnel costs are the single largest expense" in the EMS system. It also notes that using paramedic-only personnel, instead of cross-staffed "firefighter-paramedic" personnel could save \$200,000 to \$400,000 a year in salary expenses. If the City is going to increase fees associated with the service, it must simultaneously pursue reducing the personnel costs associated with the service. LIBA would suggest three options to address this issue: (1) ask the firefighter's union to come to the table and discuss renegotiating contract terms to provide for paramedic-only positions at a reduced salary; (2) ask the firefighter's union to come to the table and find some other mechanism to reduce personnel costs by \$400,000 as suggested by the Committee; or (3) consider moving the EMS service out from under the Fire Department and moving to another Department that will have different salary standards.

Secondly, LIBA wishes to address the need for clear and experienced leadership for the ambulance service. The City needs a qualified leader who is fully devoted to providing emergency medical services. So we agree with the *report's* call for someone to be given that role. But LIBA would also renew our call that this position not be an expansion of the leadership within the Fire Department, but be a replacement of an existing captain (either upon retirement or as a termination) or reassignment of an existing staff member. The Fire Department should not get to increase their personnel budget with another 6-figure position because they could not fulfill their promises to the City.

Finally, we note that while the Committee made a comprehensive report, it consciously ignored the 900-pound gorilla that was sitting in the room at each meeting. That gorilla was representing the return of the ambulance service to the private sector. The people of Lincoln deserve to know if a private ambulance service could run the ambulance service more efficiently and more effectively

than the Fire Department. LIBA calls on the City to issue an RFP to adequately compare the existing service from the Fire Department to available private providers.

The people of Lincoln are angry. They were promised a better, faster, and cheaper ambulance service. They didn't get better, they didn't get faster, and they didn't get cheaper. Instead, the people lost tax revenue from a private venture and have huge deficits eating into the budget. And no one has held Chief Spadt – who staked his job on the Fire Department's ability to meet that promise – accountable for his failures.

This is not a road that Lincoln had to go down. The elected officials who led us into this debacle should be proposing solutions to resolve the problem. Solutions that do not involve providing a subsidy from taxpayers to cover up the ineptitude that led us to this point. Once you begin a subsidy, there will be no incentive to control costs and wages.

The City will have to make some tough choices, and will need some strong leadership. LIBA calls on the City Council to fulfill their duty to the people of Lincoln and make the right choices.

May 21, 2006

Mayor Coleen Seng,
City Council Members

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Dear City Officials,

After reading several articles in the local newspaper recently we hesitated to respond to one gentleman's comments, a Mr. Gene Hanlon. The article was about upholding the City Employee's salaries. Each city employee's salary was listed in the newspaper. We noticed there was quite a difference in pay between two people in one Office seemingly doing the same job, by about \$50,000.00. That sure seems a big difference to us. It also seemed to be a lot of City employees earning more than the Governor of Nebraska is. It seems to us the City is "TOP" heavy in management and should start doing some housecleaning. We know we're going to be told these are highly skilled and necessary positions. If they're so valuable, then why does the City always go out of the City to hire some consultant firm to do a job their own employees can do that they're already being paid to do and save us Taxpayers money. We also tried to cross reference the list of City Employee's to see just how many of them actually reside in the City of Lincoln. The citizens of Lincoln would be amazed at the number of City Employees who enjoy earning their paychecks from the City of Lincoln but have no desire to reside within the city limits and pay the same taxes the rest of us pay. Remember when the issue of the County paying a Wheel Tax like those of us in Lincoln and all of the complaints, guess who was complaining the most. An employer can't dictate where an employee lives, but it doesn't seem right when the Citizens of Lincoln are paying their salaries and they're not paying their fair share of city taxes, school taxes, wheel taxes and such. We think anyone who works for the City should at least pay the Wheel Tax if they reside outside the City Limits.

Mr. Hanlon compared Lincoln employee salaries to several towns, one being Sioux Falls, S.D. Sioux Falls has a population of approximately 123,975 and has become a "booming town", moving forward: whereas Lincoln's population is around 225,581 and moving backwards. Both Cities have people in charge with different views on growth. Our Mayor wants trails and parks; Sioux Falls wants income from industry. This City can't maintain the Parks they have now and this Mayor wants more. How ridiculous! We need something in this town to bring employment and Mayor Seng is not getting the job done. That fiasco with Wal-Mart showed her true colors to a lot of people in this town, whether they were for or against the store, just her attitude about the whole issue. Then when the City Council had no backbone to stand up to her threats even made it worse. I'm waiting to see how soon the Mayor's "Buddy Russ" builds a new Super Russ's IGA at the 84th and Adam location.

Back to the salaries, we don't begrudge anyone for being paid a "top notch" salary when they have the degrees and knowledge for the position, but so many times a person gets a high paying position because of a "favor" or a good friend. With the City in a budget crunch we don't think it would hurt some of the top Management Personnel to miss a year or two without a salary increase. Is it what the Mayor calls an incentive increase? My wife and I both went without pay increases for one or two years when our employers had lean years and it didn't break us, we just tightened our belt a little.

Thank you for listening to our "speech". It wasn't intended to be this long but one can't say what needs to be said in one or two sentences.

Sincerely,



Billy D. Williams
5546 Enterprise Drive
Lincoln, NE 68521
438-6061



Wilma J. Williams

May 22, 2006

City of Lincoln
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Council Members:

Monday evening I watched part of your session on Channel 5. I am very interested in the proposed development at 9th & Van Dorn Streets, being opposed to the project for traffic congestion, safety and esthetic reasons.

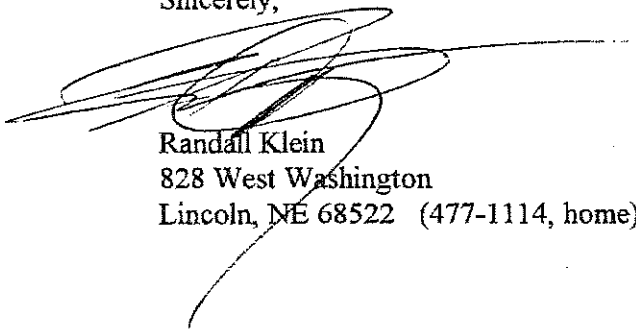
I live in west Lincoln and use that intersection frequently. I have witnessed and been involved in tie-ups as 3 and 4 semis negotiate that short section; also observing trailers not quite making the turn, blocking northern lanes. In "over-the-fence" conversations with neighbors in my West A area, all agree it is not appropriate, "but what can be done?"

Most disconcerting to me during the input time was the manner in which one of the citizens was treated. The "professional looking" people (the condo gentlemen, the lawyer and the neighborhood representative) were accorded deferential courtesy, while the commonly dressed citizen was treated rudely by two council members, in my opinion. It was obvious this man was nervous, but had the courage and took the time to offer sentiments felt by many. The tone and body language of the two council members in challenging the addresses of some petition signers was uncalled for. The assumption, and bias, was that these "outsiders" had no other agenda but to oppose a property owners wishes.

May I suggest that all Lincolniters have a right to offer opinions to any proposed development....maybe, just maybe they could be planning a move into that area, or they have relatives to visit "over there", or maybe they use 9th and 10th to get to the Star City Parade, or to Oak Lake on the 4th of July, or to Husker games....or a pleasant drive to Pioneers Park...The way that man was treated is one reason many don't take the time to offer input in a public setting....to be rudely challenged, with bias on public TV. Shame!

With the Harris Overpass due to be closed, funneling more westward traffic to this choked intersection, at least have the foresight to delay this development until that project is completed.

Sincerely,



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Subject Concealed Weapons

Dear Council Members;

I write again at the 11th hour to ask you reject any effort to restrict or ban concealed weapons within the city.

Contrary to the scare mongering employed by our Mayor and Police Chief concealed weapons will not make the city less safe or result in "old west" style shoot outs in the street. I would hope that you have all read the following.

Judging however by your and the Mayors recent actions this bears repeating.

Article I – Bill of Rights

Sec 1. All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain inherent and inalienable right; among these are life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the right to keep and bear arms for security or defense of self, family, home, and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes, and such rights shall not be denied or infringed by the state or any subdivision thereof. To secure these rights, and the protection of property, governments are instituted among people, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Source: Neb. Const. Art. I sec. 1 (1875) Amended 1988, Initiative Measure No. 403

I don't know what parts of this Seng and Casady are having a problem understanding but I trust that among the educated people of the council the meaning will be crystal clear.

David Oenbring

2630 S 13th

Lincoln, NE 68502



"Janine Saltzman"
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Subject Van Dorn Issue

It is May 22nd and 4:30 p.m. I walk out onto my front porch to brush my German Shepherd of his white winter coat. In my head the five o'clock traffic is going to hit soon and it will be very busy for about an hour going north on South 10th. I start brushing my dog, when I hear car engines racing...10th street has now become a drag strip from Van Dorn to South Street. As an hour and a half pass I counted up to 14 cars who did not stop at the stop sign on the 2700 block of Hill...five cars in the east lane trying to maneuver to the far west lane to turn on Hill and people just being well...think about it.

To put any business in the pod that is to the south of the 2700 block of Hill would be just non-beneficial. Put a Police Sub Station, Park, or small library, but don't add to the congestion of the traffic in the neighborhood. I park my vehicle on the street and I sure don't need any more traffic than what we experience on that street.

I would like to mention to the city council...how many of you live on that strip? Semi-trailer trucks are great drivers...they turn from the far east lane onto hill all the time...sometimes they take out a vehicle...sometimes they get lucky...sometimes they go the wrong way and demolish the trees until they hit Van Dorn.

Sorry folks...we don't by it...B&J can go elsewhere...

Janine M. Saltzman

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Ms. Newman,

In states that allow law-abiding citizens to carry concealed handguns, crime ALWAYS goes down. It is foolish to deny the honest citizens of Lincoln a means to protect themselves from violent crime, and handguns are the most effective means of self-defense. This is especially important for women, who are nearly always at a physical disadvantage to men. Please do not deny the peace-loving, law-abiding citizens of Lincoln their basic human right of self-defense.

Sincerely,


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Subject City Budget shortfall and property tax evaluations

Dear Council Members:

This is in response to our beloved mayors intent to fix the current revenue shortfall for the city budget by allowing the entire average property tax increase of 14% to stand and not reduce mill levy. My understanding is that she has accepted a 3% budget cut from departments in response to this shortfall, this is not enough.

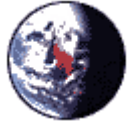
Our property tax situation in this city is out of control, we cannot continue to fund local government short falls with this mentality every time we fall short in the budget process. These types of taxation hikes will do nothing but drive more private sector businesses out of Lincoln, creating even larger future deficits. I'm in private sector business, when revenue is short, we reduce our spending accordingly. It's very simple, why can't local government do the same?

It's time the Mayor and the elected council members get serious about spending. The current ambulance EMS debacle is one case in point, why should the public now payand subsidize for just a few individuals who failed to manage that process? But know one seemed to listen back when Ron Ecklund, CPA insisted the proposed EMS takeover would fail miserably, now look.

I would hope that the budget review process is not a "rubber stamp" approval process, but rather all of you take a serious look at the current spending proposals. Thank You.

Jay Snyder
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To "council@ci.lincoln.ne.us" <'council@ci.lincoln.ne.us'>

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Subject 10th & Van Dorn

I am totally opposed to the development at 10th St & VAn Dorn. This is a very busy cross intersection and I cannot even think of the nightmare that would be caused by this addition. Please do not vote for this development.

Thank you.

Ron & Sheila Scheinost
5301 Cornell Road
Lincoln, NE 68516